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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN FRASER RE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO SECRETARY FROM CONGRESSMAN DONALD M. FRASER JUNE 28:

BEGIN TEXT.

AS A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE US SECTION OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT A LETTER WRITTEN ON FEBRUARY 12, 1974, BY THE U. S. AMBASSADOR IN SAIGON, GRAHAM MARTIN, TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, MARTIN ENNALS. THE LETTER AND THE INQUIRY WHICH PROMPTED IT ARE SET FORTH IN A REPORT BY CONGRESSMAN FRELINGHUYSEN.

AMBASSADOR MARTIN MAKES THE ASSERTION THAT "THOSE WHO MANIPULATE THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE ARE PROBABLY CORRECT, BEGIN UNDERLINE IN THEIR INTERNAL AND CONFIDENTIAL APPRAISALS END UNDERLINE, IN NOW LISTING AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AS ONE OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS MOST SUSCEPTIBLE TO UNQUESTIONINGLY PUSHING WHATEVER PROPAGANDA LINE THEY WISH TO PURSUE." (EMPHASIS ADDED)

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I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM THE DEPARTMENT, BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROCEEDS WITH ITS MARK-UP ON THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE BILL, SPECIFIC INFORMATION AS TO WHAT EVIDENCE AMBASSADOR MARTIN HAS IN SUPPORT OF HIS ASSERTION. THE INFORMATION SHOULD INCLUDE A DOCUMENTATION OF THE "INTERNAL AND CONFIDENTIAL APPRAISALS" TO WHICH THE AMBASSADOR APPARENTLY HAS ACCESS, AND SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF "WHATEVER PROPAGANDA LINE THEY WISH TO PURSUE."

IF THE INFORMATION IS CLASSIFIED, I WANT AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE THE DOCUMENTS WHICH CONTAIN THIS INFORMATION.

I CANNOT STATE TOO STRONGLY THE IMPORTANCE OF A FULL AND PROMPT RESPONSE TO THIS INQUIRY.

WITH BEST WISHES, I REMAIN

END TEXT. SISCO

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